"(b) The detailed estimate for the work is under scrutiny and technical sanction will be accorded shortly.

"(c) The work will be taken up for execution in the current year after invitation and settlement of tenders, etc., and it will be completed thereafter subject to the availability of funds."

*The Romperu Committee.*

* 507 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Romperu Committee was formed with officials only and why no non-officials were included in it;

(b) whether a copy of the order constituting the Committee will be placed on the table of the House;

(c) the terms of reference to the Committee;

(d) whether the terms of reference included the determination of the monetary value of the Romperu poramboke and the ways and means of securing the value;

(e) the extent of the Romperu poramboke;

(f) whether the Committee has presented its report to the Government; and

(g) whether a copy of the report of the Committee will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes, Sir, Government did not consider it necessary to include non-officials in the Committee.

" (b) The Government do not consider it necessary to place a copy of the orders constituting the Committee on the table of the House.

" (c) & (d) No specific terms of reference have been made to the Committee.

" (e) About 8,200 acres.

" (f) No, Sir.

" (g) Does not arise."

*Competitive examination held for recruitment to Madras Ministerial Service.*

* 510 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of students who successfully came out of the competitive examinations for the Madras Ministerial Service held by the Public Service Commission in 1950, 1951 and 1952 and those who got appointments in the several departments and the number of selected candidates who are not yet absorbed in service?

[15th July 1953

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The information is furnished in the statement below :—

| *Year in which examination held.* | *Number of candidates selected.* | *Number so far absorbed in service.* | *Number not yet absorbed in service.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1950 | 4,555 (2,935 candidates were originally selected and 1,620 candidates were alloted supplementally upto 1st August 1953.) | 4,464 | 91 |
| 1951 | 1,368 | 1,368 | Nil. |
| 1952 | 3,597 (Excluding candidates allotted supplementally.) | 1,750 | 1,847 " |

*Supply of drinking-water in Fort Cochin.*

* 511 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government regarding the alternate scheme for the supply of drinking-water to Fort Cochin;

(*b*) the details of the scheme; and

(*c*) when the scheme will be taken up and when it will be finished?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The alternate scheme of water-supply to the Cochin Municipality consists in the laying of an independent feeder main taking the supply to the Fort Cochin, elevated service reservoir from the Thopambadi point of the Chowwara Water-Supply Scheme's Trunk Main, with a small booster set, if necessary.

" The Government of Travancore-Cochin have been addressed in regard to certain details connected with the scheme. Their reply is awaited.

" (*c*) This depends upon the reply of the Government of Travancore-Cochin."

*Recovery of money given to Burma evacuees.*

* 512 *Q.*—SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the recovery of the money given to Burma evacuees; and

(*b*) if so, what is the method of recovery?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) When the last World War broke out, the Government of India started a scheme of financial assistance to evacuees from Burma, Malaya, etc., to tide over their temporary difficulties and to enable them to get themselves absorbed in the economic life of the country. The assistance was in the shape of allowances